

Where Do the Toys Come From?

Individual donations help the Toy Loan Program extend its varied services. Your participation in the program will benefit a child and the community! The Toy Loan Advisory Board is a non-profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible. Each year, citizens donate thousands of repairable, discarded toys to Toy Loan. Crews repair and assemble items from parts of other toys. The finished product looks as good as new. After toys are repaired, assembled and painted, they are recycled into the various lending centers. Many manufacturers and companies also donate toys to Toy Loan. Annual donation drives are conducted throughout the County by schools and other organizations.



Sponsors of Toy Loan Centers

Each center is sponsored by a local club, service organization, PTA, etc. The sponsor provides the staff to operate the Toy Loan Center and the person who loans the toys is referred to as the "Toyrarian." In many centers, other activities of interest to children are conducted.



"Enriching Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

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Toy Loan

The Program with a Heart

A free Toy Lending Service
sponsored by the Los Angeles
County Board of Supervisors
and the Department of
Public Social Services

What is a Toy Loan?

The Toy Loan Program is a free service which allows children to borrow toys from a Toy Loan Center in the same manner in which they borrow books from the public library. The children borrow toys once a week. It is a voluntary community effort sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Social Services.



Character Building and Good Citizenship

The Toy Loan Program also helps:

- To develop a sense of responsibility in children through the observance of an honor code and merit system that gives praise and recognition when toys are returned on time and undamaged.
- To foster positive attitudes in children by providing them an accepted means of obtaining toys.
- To benefit children by keeping their spare time wholesomely occupied with a variety of toys.
- To involve the adult and teenage community in the needs of youth in their areas through voluntary commitment of time and resources to assist the children.

The success of this concept has been demonstrated over the years and is supported by the fact that the majority of children who borrow toys from the center return them in good condition and on time.

Honor Awards

A child can receive Incentive Toys leading up to an Honor Award, which are all new toys. This is done by taking good care of the toy they borrowed and bringing it on time. An incentive toy is given after 5, 10, and 15 weeks, they receive an Honor Toy after 20 weeks. This process values the Honor Code and rewards those who take care of their borrowed toy and returns it on time.



Honor Code



- Patience
- Promptness
- Responsibility
- Courtesy
- Honesty
- Cleanliness
- Cooperation



Toy Loan Needs Your Help

If you know of a child who would enjoy being a member of the Toy Loan Program, please contact the Toy Loan Headquarters for the address and telephone number of the nearest center. For those groups who are in the process of selecting a service project, and would like to consider either sponsoring a Toy Loan Center or helping the program in other ways, we at Toy Loan Headquarters would be happy to make arrangements to speak to your group at your convenience. The Toy Loan Advisory Board is always looking for interested people to become members.